

**House Bill 171 – Department of the Environment – Yard Waste, Food**

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**Food Donation/Source Reduction**

**Subgroup Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018; 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

**Place:** Maryland Department of the Environment  
Lobby Conference Rooms  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21230

- 9:30 Welcome and Introductions - *All*
- 9:40 Obstacles/Barriers to Food Donation/Source Reduction in Maryland
- 1) Transportation
  - 2) Date Labeling and other food safety concerns.
  - 3) De-packaging when used for animal feed.
- 9:55 Recommendations discussed in previous HB 171 Workgroup meetings
- 1) Continue to identify obstacles regarding Food Donation/Source Reduction.
  - 2) Increase outreach and education on food donation opportunities.
  - 3) Increase education on and consistent implementation of public health regulations regarding food donation
  - 4) Consider whether enhancements to existing liability protections and tax credits for donors are needed to improve participation in food donation programs.
  - 5) Promote school food recovery programs and explore a better partnership between MD Food Bank and Schools.
  - 6) Improve data collection regarding infrastructure gaps regarding food donation.
  - 7) Explore economic incentives
  - 8) Obtain status of the current infrastructure and practices for the use of food scraps as animal feed to better assess needs and challenges.
  - 9) Expand Green Registry to highlight food donation and source reduction.
  - 10) Expand Maryland Annotated Code to include liability protections for direct donations as well as donations at a nominal fee.

(note – all recommendations listed about were discussed in previous Study Group Meetings are were reflected in meeting summaries)

10:15 Other recommendations

10:25 Wrap up and next steps - *MDE*

Please refer to the Department's Organics Diversion and Composting page for information relating to the study group. [www.mde.maryland.gov/composting](http://www.mde.maryland.gov/composting)

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